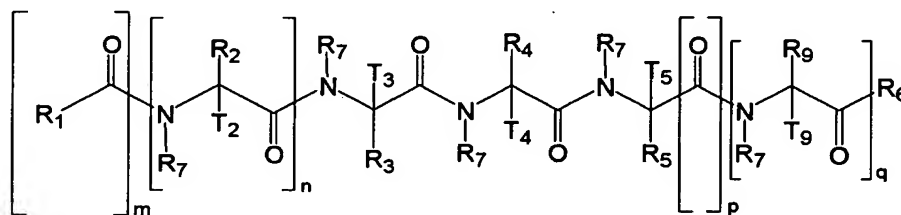


LINEAR AND CYCLIC MELANOCORTIN RECEPTOR-SPECIFIC PEPTIDES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Linear and cyclic peptides are provided specific to one or melanocortin receptors, and which exhibit agonist, antagonist, or mixed agonist-antagonist activity. In one embodiment, a linear peptide of the following general formula is provided:



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